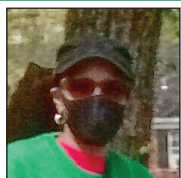




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## Greenbelters Protest Against Maglev on Spellman Overpass

by Melissa Sites

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Around 70 Greenbelters gathered in Roosevelt Center Saturday afternoon to rally against the proposed maglev train and march across the threatened Spellman Overpass. Protesters held up anti-maglev signs and slowed traffic on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Led by Kristi Fletcher, the rally included a number of elected

officials, including State Senator Paul Pinsky, State Delegates Nicole Williams and Anne Healey, Mayor Colin Byrd and city Councilmembers Emmett Jordan, Judith Davis, Silke Pope, Leta Mach and former councilmember Konrad Herling.

Pinsky and Williams have proposed anti-maglev legislation in both Maryland houses. In the State Senate, Pinsky proposed SB188, "prohibiting the State ...

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Kenya Cassell, standing, and her sister Tracy Cassell, attend the rally in Greenbriar where they live.

## New Charging Stations Open For Plug-in Cars in Greenbelt

by Matthew Arbach

In response to the rise in numbers of plug-in electric vehicles (EVs) in Greenbelt, now at 119, the city has installed six new charging stations at the Municipal Building, Schrom Hills Park and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SHLRC). Information for this article was provided by John Lippert, chair of GreenACES and the Greenbelt Green Team, and Greenbelt Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles.

There are three levels of EV charging. Level One is 120 volts and uses an ordinary residential 3-prong outlet and provides 4 to 5 miles of range per hour. A portable, Level One charger is provided when you buy or lease an electric car. Level Two requires a 240-volt circuit and provides 12 to 46 miles of range per hour. Both of these levels use a J1772 plug. Level Three, also known

as DC Fast Charging, requires either a SAE Combo, CHAdeMO or Tesla plug, depending on the type of EV, and provides 50 to 100 miles of range in 30 minutes.

The chargers at Schrom Hills Park and the SHLRC are Level Two and were installed by Pepco. The Municipal Building charger is Level Three and was installed by the Electric Vehicle Institute.

The two types of cars that can make use of these stations are the Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV) and the full battery Electric Vehicles (EVs). Both PHEVs and EVs can use Level One and Two.

Only full battery EVs can use Level Three. The two plugs accessible at the Municipal Building are the SAE Combo and CHAdeMO. A Tesla station is

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## Little League Takes the Field With First Outing of 2021

by Melinda Thompson

Spring Little League began for the first time in a year due to the pandemic, and parents and players are excited to get back on the field. Little League began in the fall for children ages 9 to 12, and this March practices began for ages 6 to 13. Games began the second week in April.

Parent and coach for the Timber Rattlers, Michelle Fischer, said that in this, her first year of coaching, everyone is mindful about distancing and sanitation because they have the same goal: to play.

"I think there's great enthusiasm from the parents and the players to be able to start playing again, especially for outdoor sports, and a great love for the game, so we're excited to be able to start," Fischer said.

Craig Hebert, the Greenbelt baseball player agent, said that the Covid-19 restrictions include masks on and off the field, sani-



PHOTO BY MELINDA THOMPSON

### Little League returns!

tation of high-touch surfaces and equipment and no use of the dugout. One big change is that the players can no longer shake hands at the end of the game and instead have to tip their hat at the opposing team players. "I think everyone's kind of found

their way to tip each other's caps and you know sometimes they tap each other's helmets or whatever they walk by, but without the handshakes and the high fives and the chest bumps, you

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## Recreation Budget Session Demonstrates Resilience

by Matthew Arbach

The pandemic forced Greenbelt Recreation to "reinvent ourselves," said Recreation Director Greg Varda, as programs quickly transitioned to a primarily on-line approach. With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, Recreation is starting to slowly offer more in-person programming. Varda and his colleagues, including Assistant Director Anne Oudemans, Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center Supervisor Stephen Parks and Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald, gave a summation of their upcoming budgetary proposals to council on April 28 and their effort to offer quality programs that connect to the community.

The Food and Friendship Program has continued delivering meals to seniors and providing for their various needs, largely through the efforts of Rebekah Sutfin and Brian Butler.

Summer camps will be modified in-person this year. Registration for camps has been good, said Oudemans, yet because of the smaller size due to Covid-19 restrictions, revenues will not be at their traditional levels. Varda predicted an 85 percent return to pre-pandemic participation levels, with 100 percent reached

by 2023. Fees have been kept as low as possible to encourage maximum participation.

The Virtual Recreation Center continues, with offerings that will likely persist post-pandemic due to their enormous success. Between April 1, 2020, and April

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### What Goes On

**Monday, May 10**  
8 p.m. City Council Meeting  
**Wednesday, May 12**  
7 p.m. Budget Worksession: Recognition Groups.

All council meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



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Artist-in-Residence and ukulele teacher Rachel Cross enjoys playing music with her students on the lawn of the Community Center on Sunday, May 2.



# Letters to the Editor

## Comment Now

We appreciate all the information about stopping the maglev train in the News Review. It’s critical that people comment before May 24. Email your concerns regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to [info@bwmaglev.info](mailto:info@bwmaglev.info). Make sure you say you want the No Build Option and give one or more reasons for opposing it. Confiscating and ruining our forests and parklands; making homes and schools structurally unsound where it tunnels under them, especially in less affluent neighborhoods; competing with and probably ruining our Amtrak and MARC rail systems are a few. For more information, refer to the DEIS (which is way too long to read the whole thing) at [bwmaglev.info](http://bwmaglev.info).

Please help prevent this looming disaster supported by Big Business Bullies while we still can, these last few weeks of the DEIS!

John Lippert and Jane Young

## Maglev: A Hard Sell

In this present and post pandemic world, the maglev folks are going to have a hard time selling their product. It may not be necessary to have a high-speed train alternative up and down the Northeast corridor. In addition to the number of reasons many have already put forth in opposing the maglev (published in previous News Review letters, articles and notices), several more recent conditions or changes could make the maglev ring hollow.

There may be less need for commuters, conference attendees, job seekers, tourists and others to travel to attend events when they can attend virtually. People have gotten used to zooming and that’s not zooming on a maglev. Businesses, corporations and those in the public and government sectors are realizing that many employees can work from home.

Also, and unfortunately, our large cities are experiencing spikes in crime and unrest. Some may consider it hazardous to travel to downtown areas of Baltimore, Philadelphia and NYC. In NYC several thousand police are either leaving, retiring or have announced their plans to do so recently and over the past year due to a number of reasons, not the least of which is the constant vilification, and threatening conditions they face. Inept city leadership in these Northeast corridor cities have discouraged travel there of late. More people are moving out of NYC and Baltimore than are moving there.

Go ahead, develop maglev transportation in Texas between Houston and Dallas; or in Florida between say, Tampa and Orlando. The Northeast Corridor is now just not the proper place to do so.

Robert Snyder

## It’s Boondoggle Jeopardy!

I’ll try Science Fiction for \$15 billion...

This experimental technology, lethal-then-abandoned in Germany and never successful anywhere in the world, is still such a cool idea that county riff-raff should accept whatever environmental, health and property damage falls on them without even getting a

station (because that would be icky for the rich commuters).

(Ding) Umm... What is maglev?

Lesley Kash

## Beeing Healthy

It is fantastic that Greenbelt has become a Bee City, USA, participant. This effort seeks to restore habitat for diverse pollinators, adding stability and beauty and increasing the green-ness that makes Greenbelt great. One suggestion from Bee City is to resist mowing lawns during the month of May. During No-Mow May, you will see a bounty of flowers and bees. Hundreds of bee species have been found in area surveys. When you are compelled to mow your lawn, do so on a cool morning before bees flock to those flowers. As mentioned by Mimi Noorani in the April 22 News Review, fields on public property can be mowed a couple times a year to keep back woody invasives while fostering great habitat for bees and others. As a soccer dad whose kids benefited from Greenbelt city programs, this need not apply to active sports or picnic fields that get us out of our houses, just the many acres surrounding them, along roads, etc. Finally, the State of Maryland has recently spoken by ratifying House Bill 322, which forbids Homeowner Associations from enforcing ‘pure-lawn’ policies when homeowners maintain habitat gardens ([legiscan.com/MD/text/HB322/2021](http://legiscan.com/MD/text/HB322/2021)). HapBee Spring!

Jay Evans

## No to SCMaglev!

Since its founding in 1937, Greenbelt has thrived as quintessential small-town America. Its citizens have embraced technological progress, a population of growing diversity and any sacrifices needed to protect the health of our environment. We have a history of choosing the good of our community over personal or selfish comfort. We have a history of being willing to pay the price of helping to support the planet that sustains us.

We are not, however, willing to make the kind of sacrifices that would be needed for an elite few to shave a few minutes off of their commute to Baltimore. Apparently, these elite travelers, and those who would profit from their rush, do not recognize the very real value of the community Greenbelt has built, cooperatively, during the past 84 years. We are thriving as a livable community. The present path planned for maglev will hurt the livability of Greenbelt. Those who support the maglev believe it is appropriate for Greenbelters’ back (and front) yards to support the burden of others’ need to be in a hurry. This isn’t right!

Gail Drake

## We the People Thank You

A big thank you to all who came out to attend the People’s Rally to Save Spellman Overpass and Stop the BW Maglev train on Saturday, May 1, in Roosevelt Center.

Within hours of the announcement of the rally, Northeast Maglev, the project developer, placed their own social media post ex-

plaining that the closure of Spellman Overpass as written in the SCMaglev Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), was “absolutely not accurate” and an “unfortunate error.”

While this was certainly some welcome news, we cannot just stand down. The final authority for this operation does not rest with Northeast Maglev, there are no guarantees, and there are so many other critical reasons why this project is bad for Greenbelt.

Delegate Nicole Williams and Senator Paul Pinsky made it crystal clear why the BW Maglev is “not public transportation” and why it “does not serve Prince George’s County.” Thanks to Mayor Colin Byrd for a visually clever presentation, and to Councilmembers Silke Pope and Leta Mach and Delegate Anne Healey. Councilmember Emmett Jordan served as the “Bridge Ambassador,” marching with the group across the bridge to Greenbriar in Greenbelt East for another mini rally. Thank you to Councilmember Judith Davis, who led her support early on and shared in her remarks just how close the train would be in Greenbriar as it rises up out of the ground 14 feet below her home.

Thanks to volunteers Susan Barnett, volunteer organizer; Jean Newcomb, art director, banner designer and so much more; Heather Ettis, Vicki Reynolds and Kathy Bartolomeo – you all rock!

Keep those no-build option letters to the DEIS coming. May 24 is the deadline. Email them to [info@bwmaglev.info](mailto:info@bwmaglev.info) (the full DEIS is located at [bwmaglev.info](http://bwmaglev.info)). Find tools & resources at these websites: [mrcr-action.org](http://mrcr-action.org) and [stopthistrain.org](http://stopthistrain.org). Let’s stop this train!

Kristi Fletcher

## Mailing Checks

Mailing checks from Greenbelt has become risky, with several reported incidents of a letter being intercepted and the check altered and cashed. The most recent news posting from the city government is that the police aren’t sure if the letters are stolen from mailboxes or intercepted at the post office. Until the culprit(s) is/are apprehended, one way to avoid becoming a victim is to take your mailed checks to a neighboring post office, or a mailbox served by that post office. Neighbors, friends and family can offer to do this for anyone who can use the help. (Also keep in mind that the Greenbelt VFD annual drive is underway, and contributions can be taken directly to the station.) Hopefully the authorities will restore postal mail security soon.

Scott Snell

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## Service or Garden Side?



- B. Glee

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Office is currently closed to the public. Please phone or email.  
GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center's east door near the municipal building.



# Community Events

## At the Library

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) has entered Phase 2 with limited branch services, by appointment, at selected libraries. Appointments can be made for 1-hour computer use or 15-minutes of browsing borrowable library materials. The nearest libraries to Greenbelt are New Carrollton, Bowie and Laurel and are now open by appointment. Book appointments at [pgcmls.info/reopening](http://pgcmls.info/reopening) or 240-455-5451. A reopening date has not yet been set for the Greenbelt Library.

Greenbelt curbside service hours (by appointment only): Tuesdays, 1 to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1 to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 1 to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 1 to 5 p.m. Greenbelt also now has mobile printing available. More information is available at [pgcmls.info/mobile-printing](http://pgcmls.info/mobile-printing).

### Vaccine Assistance

PGCMLS offers an English and Spanish Covid-19 Vaccine Hunter Hotline at 240-392-3622 operating Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The hotline will assist by directly booking vaccination appointments, adding people to vaccine pre-registration lists and answering questions about the vaccination process.

### 2021 Tax Season

The deadlines for filing tax returns or extension requests are Monday, May 17, for federal returns and Thursday, July 15, for Maryland state returns. The Library has a limited number of Form 1040/1040-SR (including Schedules 1-3) booklets and associated instructions in either English or Spanish.

### Read to Hatch

PGCMLS offers Hatchlings: Read to Hatch, a program for expectant mothers, through May. This program is based on the early-literacy Mother Goose on the Loose: Hatchlings program for parents and caregivers of children from birth to 3 years old and the Mother Goose on the Loose Goslings program for premature babies and mothers.

### Kids Achieve Club

The Kids Achieve Club program provides academic support through homework assistance and reading practice for English for Speakers of Other Languages students in grades 1 to 6. The program was created to support the unique needs of English learners to foster a love of reading and to provide academic support.

### Virtual Events

#### Poetry Discussion

Tuesday, May 11 at 7 p.m. Poet Kirun Kapur discusses her new collection of poetry, *Women in the Waiting Room*, that explores the twin forces of silence and speech. It sketches a room full of women returning from the far edges of experience to find a voice.

## Portrait Drawing

Greenbelt Recreation Arts instructor Amanda Larsen will teach a Portrait Drawing workshop over Zoom on Friday, May 7, 6 to 8 p.m and again on Sunday, May 16, 1 to 2 p.m. Advance registration and fee required. Please email [alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov) for more information and registration instructions.

## Scholarship Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a current Boxwood Village resident. It is available to graduating high school seniors and full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship is partially funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, Annual Boxwood Yard Sale and other activities.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. For further information or to pick up an application form, email Pat McAndrew at [pmcandrew@mzmlaw.net](mailto:pmcandrew@mzmlaw.net).

## Registration Opens To Honor Caregivers

Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) and Dementia Friendly America Northern Prince George’s County are hosting a free, drive-thru caregiver appreciation event in Greenbelt on Thursday, May 27 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Greenbelt’s unpaid caregivers will receive 10 gift bags full of thank you items for their dedication to providing care during the pandemic.

Pre-register at: [forms.gle/mEvWPQxGA318qGhs5](https://forms.gle/mEvWPQxGA318qGhs5). For more information contact Katherine Farzin at [kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov) or 240-542-2019.

## Porch Greenbelt Food Collection is Growing

The April RUAK Porch Greenbelt food drive collected 592 pounds of nonperishable food as well as personal hygiene items from the three collection areas. All were donated to the St. Hugh of Grenoble Food Pantry. The May collection dates for front porch pickup between 2 and 5 p.m. will be Sunday, May 9 for Woodland Hills and Sunday, May 16 for Boxwood Village and Ridge Road from Lastner Lane to Research Road.

Volunteers are sought to expand Porch Greenbelt to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer with Porch Greenbelt may contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com).

## Paint Out Picnic

Join Artist-in-Residence Racquel Keller to paint in Buddy Attick Park on Sunday, June 6. Sign up for one of two timeslots, 11 a.m. to noon or noon to 1 p.m. Participants may bring their own materials or receive a basic set of paints and supplies from Greenbelt Recreation Arts. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/paintoutpicnic>. This event is free.



PHOTO BY RACQUEL KELLER

A Paint Out Picnic will be on Sunday, June 6 at Buddy Attick Park.

## Connecting Greenbelt

Connecting Across Greenbelt (CAG) will be sponsoring a meeting on Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m. with members of religious organizations and other community groups in front of the Library and Community Center for the Building Bridges to Stop the Violence vigil: Remembering George Floyd and others. Masks requested.

CAG is a multi-cultural, multi-racial and multi-generational group of residents who gather monthly to build relationships across neighborhoods and to understand current challenges for all Greenbelters. The group is building multiple resources. The first is research-tested coping strategies for self-care and stress management called the Caring and Connecting Toolkit ([bit.ly/CAGtoolkit](https://bit.ly/CAGtoolkit)). Residents are invited to share their ideas and help build resources together.

To find out about the group’s monthly meetings, email [communityconnectionsbg@gmail.com](mailto:communityconnectionsbg@gmail.com).



## Community Church Collects Sneakers

The Board of Congregational Life at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. GotSneakers has developed a unique program that asks communities to reach into their closets, and not their pockets. This sneaker recycling program helps keep sneakers out of landfills, which has harmful effects on the environment, and will send the sneakers to countries where the poor often go barefoot out of necessity. For more information about GotSneakers go to their website at Fundraiser Press Release – GotSneakers.

A donation box for sneakers will be placed outside of Fellowship Center, the small building behind the church, for people to drop off sneakers at any time. GotSneakers will pay GCC a varying amount for name-brand and off-brand laced-up sneakers with no tears inside or outside. The company even pays for cleaning and shipping – all GCC does is collect sneakers. “We know that most people have extra sneakers in their closets they would like to donate rather than throw away. An additional incentive is now raising funds to feed the hungry and help the environment. It’s a win-win situation for everybody.”

## Sally Davies Exhibit At Publick Playhouse

Greenbelt painter Sally Davies is currently the featured visual artist at the Prince George’s Publick Playhouse in Cheverly. Her exhibit, *Community Spirit*, is a virtual showcase for 17 of her brightly colored acrylic paintings of light-filled outdoor settings, where cast shadows – elongated purple abstract shapes – often take on lives of their own. Through her narration, Davies gives glimpses into her artistic process during an 11-minute video, explaining, for instance, that “the bird’s-eye-view in my paintings invites the viewer into the unfolding drama on my canvas.”


Davies has also included short time-lapse videos of her step-by-step trajectory in the making of two of the paintings highlighted in the exhibit, *Saturday Morning* and *Labyrinth of Life*. By photographing each part of her working process – from sketches to final painting – she immerses viewers in her creative imagination. (Her *Labyrinth of Life* video was also recently recognized as one of the inaugural Rose Award winners for Best Greenbelt Community Video by Greenbelt Access Television.)

In the final minutes of the video, Davies reflects on ways that the confluence of Covid-19 isolation and Black Lives Matter protests informed her art during 2020, culminating in her large-scale painting *Labyrinth of Life*. She summarizes, “I create paintings filled with light that reverberate with humanity, compassion and hope.”

*Community Spirit* will be available to view on the Publick Playhouse website until May 20 at [arts.pgparksc.com/2391/Exhibitions](http://arts.pgparksc.com/2391/Exhibitions).



More Community Events  
are located throughout the paper.

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# Church Volunteers Project Repairs House in Riverdale

by Jo-Anne Fournier

Members of the Greenbelt Community Church (GCC), United Church of Christ participated in Christmas in April by working on a house in Riverdale. Christmas in April is a volunteer organization that repairs the homes of people who are financially or physically unable to do so themselves, so that they may live in warmth, safety and independence. GCC has been a member of this program since its start in Prince George's County in 1989. Over the years, GCC has repaired a total of 31 houses.

In 2020, after months of planning and preparation by the Christmas in April Prince George's County Chapter, Mike Crompton, the team captain, and the homeowner met to discuss the needed repairs to the home and review solutions. GCC collected donations for all the supplies required for the project. A crew of 12 volunteers spent April 24 working on the house. The volunteers put up new fencing, planted azaleas, mulched the front yard beds and completed a host of additional yard and house maintenance tasks.

"I am grateful to have the work done," said the homeowner. Mike and the homeowner did a thorough review of the house to see what needed to be done. "It meant so much to have someone look over the house and identify what needed to be done and not be done and provide suggestions on how to do it," the homeowner added.

Christmas in April has become a family tradition for the Cromptons. Mike, Carla and Eric have worked on houses for the last 32 years. Eric's sons are already asking when they can start working on the houses. Mike explained it this way. "At the end of the day you are really tired, but you feel better than you did when you started that morning. We get so much out of doing this work and we have managed to help someone out."



From left, Diane Wogaman, Gail Voigt, Ken Voigt and Kathy Fominaya do some volunteer gardening for Christmas in April, an organization that repairs the homes of people who are either financially and/or physically unable to do so.



From left, Carla Crompton, Doug Tull, Karen Jones, Mike Crompton and Kathy Fominaya pose for a photo.

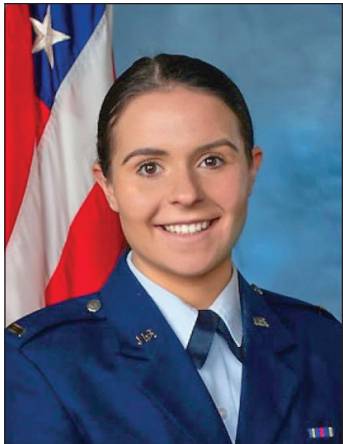
- Photos by Jo-Anne Fournier



Our intrepid photographer of the Lake's wildlife, Kathryn Beard, notes that she's been less of a presence at the Lake these days because she has been achieving credit in a completely different dimension. Congratulations to her on completing her coursework for Cybersecurity Certification and best wishes for certification.

Congratulations to Julia Pederoli, daughter of Karen and John Pedersoli of Boxwood Village, who graduated from the School of Nursing, Auburn University in Auburn, Ala., on May 1. She also completed the school's Air Force ROTC program and, upon commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant and initial training in Scottsdale, Ariz., will be assigned as a Medical-Surgical Nurse at Travis AFB, Calif.

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Julia Pederoli


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John 15:17

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**This Sunday's Sermon on Facebook Live**  
**Sunday at 10:15**  
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[www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org)

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With joy, we return to the public celebration of Mass. Attendance is limited to 100 persons per Mass, all (3 and up) must wear masks. All details available on our website. Mon-Fri 7:15am, Sat 9am; Sat vigil 5pm; Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am  
Confessions Saturday 3pm - 4pm


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May 9 10 a.m.  
**"Rise up for Peace and Justice"**  
Rev. Karen Lee Scrivo, Affiliated Community Justice Minister; with Worship Associate Ebony Contreras

When Unitarian Juliet Ward Howe issued her Mothers Day Proclamation in 1870, she saw it as a day of peace to honor and support mothers who lost husbands and sons during the Civil War. Today, we don't often connect Mothers Day with working for peace and justice. Yet, this seems like the moment to return Mothers Day to its roots and rededicate ourselves to creating a peaceful, fair and just world for all.

ONLINE ONLY Streaming information at <http://pbuuc.org/news/>





# City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 10, 2021 8:00 p.m.

### ORGANIZATION

Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)  
Approval of Agenda and Additions

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

- Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
- No Build Maglev Proclamation

#### Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

#### \* Minutes of Council Meetings

#### Administrative Reports

#### \*Committee Reports

### LEGISLATION

- Resolution Concerning Monthly Crime Stats  
2nd Reading, Adoption
- An Ordinance Concerning an Annual Comprehensive Crime Reduction Plan -2nd Reading, Adoption
- An Ordinance to Amend Article I “In General”, “Section 8-4 “Absentee Voting” of Chapter 8, Elections” of the Greenbelt City Code - 1st Reading

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Recognition Group Policy - Waiving Matching Funds Requirement for FY 2021 Due to the Pandemic
- SCMaglev Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Minimum Wage for City Employees
- Paid Family Leave for City Employees
- Mask Rule Update
- \*No Build Maglev Banners
- Reconsideration of Motion to Draft a Referendum Advisory Question Regarding a Greenbelt Reparations Commission
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- \*Appointments to Advisory Boards

### MEETINGS-Scheduling of Future Meetings

**COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL** Cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

**Resident participation: Information will be posted on Meetings Calendar at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)**

In advance the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov)

## VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR MAY 10-15

Monday, May 10 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**,  
On the Agenda: Crime Prevention, video progress updates, Maryland Youth Advisory Open Forum, and New programs at SHLRC

Monday, May 10 at 8:00pm **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00pm, **MAGLEV TASK FORCE**

Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION w/Recognition Groups** Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Thursday, May 13 at 7:00pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD, Virtual**

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov). This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

**For more information call 301- 474-8000**



## CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Greenbelt proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2021, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 4.1%, from \$2,158,720,987 to \$2,247,288,405.
2. If the City of Greenbelt, Maryland maintains the current tax rate of \$0.8275 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 4.1%, resulting in \$732,895 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.7949, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.8275 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 4.1% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$732,895 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax increase will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2021, virtually via Zoom.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged. Public participation: Dial-in: 301 715 8592; Meeting ID: 870 1542 0497; Password: 736144

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 for further information.

## Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of April 26, 2021, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until June 5, at the Municipal Building and on the City's Web site [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will become effective on June 15, 2021, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 2021-1 (Resolution Number 2091) A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Amend Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, to amend Section 27 titled “Absentee Voting” by replacing with “Mail-In Voting” of the Greenbelt City Charter.

Purpose: To amend the City Charter to replace absentee voting with mail-in voting. Mail-in voting would allow voters to request a ballot (no reasons needed) to vote in the upcoming 2021 Council Election. However, the voters will still have the option to participate in early voting or in-person voting on Election Day.

For more information, please contact the City Clerk at 301-474-3870 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov)

## WEED WARRIORS:

Invasive Plant Pull  
May 15th, 2021  
Indian Creek Trail  
Trailhead at Cherrywood Lane & Breezewood Drive

Be a part of the community effort to remove invasive plant species from the environment at the Indian Creek Trail. Volunteers will work with Anacostia Watershed Stewards with support from City staff to remove invasive plant species from the environment. Masks will be required at all times.

### Reminders:

Bring a reusable water bottle  
Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes  
Students: bring community-service forms  
Volunteers must register in order to participate  
Limited to 25 volunteers  
To Register: Contact Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at [kdrriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdrriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov)

## Greenbelt Recreation Summer Activity Guide- Available Online on May 7!

Registration begins on Monday, May 17 for Greenbelt Residents;

Monday, May 24 for non-residents

Classes begin the week of June 14, 2021

Check out our Summer 2021 Activity Guide for more details! Includes options for all ages and interests. Discover seasonal special events, varied recreation facilities and classes to provide opportunities for community celebrations. Learn something new or improve your skills in an activity you enjoy, all while socializing and staying active!

Visit our [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) or call 301-3972200 for more information.

## EMERGENCY DIAPER PICKUP

Need help with diapers? In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, The Greenbelt Nursery Project is supporting needy Greenbelt families by distributing diapers on

**Thursday, May 20th, 2021.** Parents are required to bring state-issued photo ID, each child's birth certificate, proof of Greenbelt residency (mail from a federal, state, or local government agency which display their name and Greenbelt residential address). No walk-ups accepted. Please register online at <https://forms.gle/giCpu6T7u1VYPz2Q7> Registration required. Time and location given upon submitted registration.

## Free Produce Distribution



**THURSDAY, MAY 20 1:00PM-3:00PM**

Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road  
Ground Floor East near the Flagpole.



**Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center parking lot**  
**Friday, May 21,**  
**6:30am-8:30am**

The annual event traditionally celebrates bicycling as a fun, eco-friendly, low-cost commuting option, and it provides both physical and mental health benefits. To make sure even those working from home can participate, we are encouraging telecommuting registrants to bike to their pit stop and then cycle back home to start the workday. The pit stop is a grab 'n go, contactless pick-up event. Face masks and social distancing will be enforced.

**Register at [biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://biketoworkmetrodc.org);**  
**Pit Stop Manager: Di Quynn Reno, 240-542-2053.**

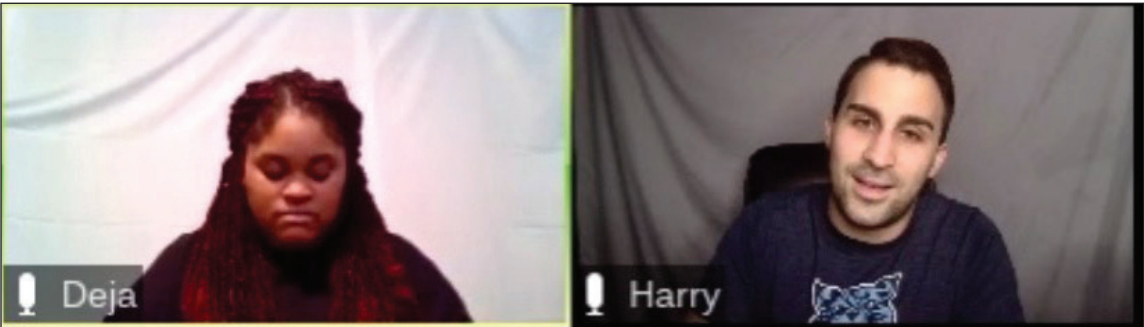
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A Review

# Plays Presented by Students Addressed Timely Topics

by Melissa Sites



In the play *Black Flag*, Sydney Taylor, left, plays Deja and Brandon Fuller plays Harry.

Three one-act plays by Id-ris Goodwin were presented by Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) students in association with Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). Producers were Mecca Lartigue and Anya Wilkinson, youth liaisons to the GAC board. Rikki Howie and Kate McGill worked beside the student directors.

“The Water Gun Song,” directed by Niya John, featured an arresting performance by the young actor Stella Satterfield as Sam. Satterfield’s openness and innocence were heartrending in the face of the serious conversation between the character of Sam, a child whose father has to explain why he is “allergic” to water guns. “If it has a barrel and a trigger I get a reaction,” states Jules (Marlon Brown). This short play is appropriate for ages 6 and up and is an engaging way to start conversations about racial inequity with young people. Brown drew from his own childhood experience to play the father: “I had those conversations with my mom about things I could and couldn’t do. You have to let them know that these things are not your fault, but they’re going to affect you. Having a water gun might end your life. It’s a really difficult conversation to have.” Audience

member Dana said, “The younger black child has to learn all of these heavy things so early.” The director’s mother commented, “It is gut-wrenching as a parent to tell your children that they have to live life differently because of who might see them. It could easily be one of you, but it could also be me.”

The other two plays contained subject matter more appropriate to those age 14 and up.

“#MATTER,” directed by Andi Fontaine, featured Evelyn Wiredu and Apple DeGeorge as friends from high school who remember shared experiences very differently. This piece was beautifully acted by Wiredu and DeGeorge, who clearly conveyed the emotional pain that gathers around issues of race. Wiredu’s character says, “I used to be silent.” But into the silence at the end of the one-act, DeGeorge indicates that speaking her mind cost the woman of color her life.

“Black Flag,” directed by DaNya Ford, featured an African American character, Deja (Sydney Taylor), whose roommate Sydney (Madeleine McComb) hangs a Confederate flag in their shared dorm room. Deja’s friend Harry (Brandon Fuller) criticizes Sydney for displaying the flag. McComb stated that her character Sydney “believes that she’s

not racist, but she’s not willing to step outside her comfort zone. [That’s] conditional allyship. She’s not willing to listen, and you need to be able to listen, otherwise you’re not an ally at all.” One audience member commented, “that flag was everywhere on January 6” during the Capitol insurrection, pointing out the dangerous power of a symbol.

Julie Ann Hawk, drama teacher at ERHS, led the talkback after the performances. She outlined several principles for engaging in conversation about race, including, “leave the room with growth; if you are hurt, educate” and the importance of a sincere apology. “I’m sorry I hurt you. How can I make it right?” Hawk asserted that virtual theater gives audience members the chance to “empathize without feeling threatened by this push of knowledge.”

Audience member Curtis Williams said, “Anti-racism is everyone’s job, but it is not a Black person’s job to do your work for you.”

Audience member Joce was glad the production was presented free of charge, because it promotes a more diverse education. She appreciated “treating our kids like they can learn this stuff.... Thank you for hosting this and making this widely available.”

# Mail-in Voting Passes; Local Reparations Need More Work

by Kathleen Gallagher

Two resolutions were presented on the agenda of the April 26 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council for second reading and adoption. One of them, which was developed by the city Board of Elections, passed readily. The other, presented by Mayor Colin Byrd, had apparently not yet received enough vetting and discussion by council to create adequate support for its present form.

## Mail-in Voting

The Board of Elections met with the city council in a work-session in February, when council chose the option of replacing the absentee voting process with mail-in voting. As presented by the board, mail-in voting would allow all eligible voters to request a ballot that could be mailed back or dropped off. This is simply a renaming of Greenbelt’s existing absentee voting process, but it is hoped that since mail voting is much more common and in favor now than it was at the time Greenbelt removed the “excuse” requirement early in the last decade, it may now pick up new voters and increase Greenbelt’s turnout, while still serving the needs as well or better for those voters who required absentee ballots. Early voting and in-person voting will continue as well.

Since voters are losing nothing by this change, it is difficult to imagine why anyone would want to take action against it, but since it is effected by a Charter Amendment Resolution, voters could take action if they so wished.

## Greenbelt Reparations

The city council uses worksessions for a number of different purposes, with one of them being

to develop projects, plans and new legislation in a more casual setting that does not require coming to closure or to a vote.

Ironically, worksessions usually take about two hours, and that is exactly the time council spent discussing Byrd’s proposed Resolution Supporting Local Reparations in Greenbelt. Because it took place as part of a regular council meeting, the meeting ran until nearly 1 a.m. and the published agenda could not be completed and will be continued at the next meeting. Because of the lateness of the hour, tempers prevailed more than constructive thinking, and council will probably have to go through it again.

Some of the areas of comment included the following:

- whether Native Americans and other groups should be included;
- whether it should be more inclusive;
- whether it is historically accurate regarding Greenbelt’s responsibilities;
- whether people should abstain from voting rather than accept the existing choices;
- how any determinations could be made on budget;
- whether input from advisory groups and others should be sought; whether there should be more resident participation or be put on a ballot (the latter was voted down).

Eventually, a vote was taken that resulted in 3 yes votes and 4 abstaining. According to the real lawyer in the Zoom, the affirmative votes of a majority of those elected to council would have been required to adopt the legislation.



# Golden Agers Go Zoomy



The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets by Zoom (or phone) every Wednesday at 11 a.m. Here is one panel showing some of our group from a recent meeting. These people joined by Zoom but some phoned in also. To join the Zoom or phone list, contact Rebekah (Becky) Sutfin at 240-542-2056 (leave a message) or at RSUTFIN@Greenbeltmd.gov.

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# Greenbelt Park Renovations Should Finish by August

by Matthew Arbach

Work continues at Greenbelt Park as the National Park Service (NPS) replaces roads, parking areas and the Still Creek Bridge, among other efforts. This means that the park headquarters, picnic areas, campground, restrooms, parking lots and park roads are still closed to visitors.

The 5.1-mile Perimeter Trail and the 1.2-mile Azalea Trail are open for use. Park visitors cannot drive into Greenbelt Park, but may park on Walker and Capitol Drives and walk across Greenbelt Road to the park and trails. NPS requires visitors to wear face masks on its administered lands where physical distancing cannot be practiced. For more up-to-date information, refer to [nps.gov/coronavirus](https://nps.gov/coronavirus).

Specific areas being repaved are Park Central Road, Laurel Picnic Area, Holly Picnic Area, Goodluck Road parking area, Dogwood parking area and Sweetgum picnic area. Campfire rings will be replaced and picnic tables will be upgraded.

The temporary closing of park areas better facilitates excavation work, as well as providing room for the construction contractors to situate and use heavy equipment and store their materials.

Hazardous trees are being removed by the NPS. In addition, NPS, in conjunction with Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, is relocating and enhancing the sewer system in several places.

The new Still Creek Bridge and new culverts that span the park should improve water flow in Still Creek, and hopefully enhance water quality that will lead to a return of fish and related



The main road in Greenbelt Park is still closed but the repaving is complete and it is good for new bike riders.

- Photos by Amy Hansen



aquatic species to the northern and western parts of Still Creek. Greenbelt Park is expecting a partial reopening of roads and a full reopening of camping and picnic areas on Thursday, May 20. Campground reservations can be made at [recreation.gov](https://recreation.gov). A full reopening of the roads is planned on Tuesday, August 31.

## Crafts on the Lawn



Jeremy O'Roark and his two daughters, Camille and Maren, make seed-bomb creations on the Greenbelt Community Center lawn on Sunday, May 2 at an event coordinated by Greenbelt Recreation Arts.

- Photo by Jamal Austin



Sarah Eargle poses for a picture with her seed-bomb llama in hand.

## Trolley Trail Walk

Take a stretch and explore community history with the Riversdale House Museum on the Trolley Trail Walking Tour on Saturday, June 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a leisurely two-mile walking tour that will travel the Trolley Trail from Riverdale Park to College Park, stopping along the way to share tidbits about how the area has changed over the centuries.

The tour will begin at the Riversdale House Museum and end at the Old Parish House. In the event of poor weather, the rain date will be Saturday, June 12. Cost is \$5 for residents of Prince George's and Montgomery counties and \$6 for non-residents. Advance registration is required by June 3 via [tinyurl.com/TrolleyTour21](https://tinyurl.com/TrolleyTour21). For more information, email [riversdale@pgparks.com](mailto:riversdale@pgparks.com), call TTY 301-699-2544 or visit the website at [history.pgparks.com](https://history.pgparks.com).

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# 2021 GHI Election: May 13–14




## Check your Email!

GHI has contracted GetQuorum to host the 2021 annual meeting and online portion of the election. GetQuorum has sent emails to all GHI member addresses on file, with a registration link for the May 13 Annual Meeting.

Check your inbox(es) and spam folders for a message sent from [notices@getquorum.com](mailto:notices@getquorum.com).

If you plan to join the online meeting or vote online and don't find this email and you must update your contact email address(es). See <http://ghi.coop/election> or recent E-News for a link to the online form, or contact the Member Services department.

If you plan to attend the meeting in person, complete the registration form in the Annual Meeting packet.

Path	Prerequisite	Where & When	Method
<b>1. Absentee</b> 	Must wear mask	<b>GHI Office</b> During office hours May 7, 10, 11	Submit absentee ballot application at GHI Office, then immediately vote on paper ballot
<b>2. Online (preferred)</b>	Your email address must be on file with GHI, and you <b>cannot</b> register for the Youth Center	<b>GetQuorum website</b> After meeting Thursday May 13 until noon Friday May 14	Secure personalized link from GetQuorum on your computer or smartphone
<b>3. Youth Center</b> 	First 42 members registered via meeting announcement form	<b>Youth Center</b> Immediately after annual meeting	Paper ballot
<b>4. Standard</b> 	Must wear mask	<b>GHI Office</b> 4–8pm Friday May 14	Paper ballot

## Choose your path to vote!

The May 13 annual membership meeting sign-in opens 7:00pm for the 7:30pm meeting; members can participate online or in-person. The election for Board and Audit Committee begins when the meeting goes into recess; members can cast ballots online or in-person. Please see the official meeting announcement mailed to every member for more information.



## Board of Directors 2-Year Term (5 of 9 positions up for election)

**Erin Bilyeu**  
37 Court Ridge

My name is Erin Bilyeu and I am a candidate for the GHI Board of Directors. I have been a member of GHI since August 2018 and a member of the Buildings Committee since 2019. GHI is my first home ownership experience and I am deeply invested in our long-term success. The cooperative nature of our community has inspired me to contribute my time and experience.

I am a museum professional with 20 years of experience in project management, overseeing pan-institutional projects and managing funds and contractors with a focus on reviewing legal agreements for international acquisitions. I work with a diverse team of lawyers and scientists to ensure that no detail is ignored.

Exactly one year from the day we closed on our GHI unit, my husband and I found ourselves amid a flooding event that would leave us out of our home for 5 months. We had to learn quickly how to work within the GHI system that, at the time, we found confusing and challenging. That experience led me to attend board meetings and volunteer as a member on the Buildings Committee. My time on the buildings committee helped me understand the importance of member education, involvement, and advocacy. Beyond review of priorities and voting responsibilities, my goal in being a Director, if elected, is to increase access and member

education to encourage other GHI members to feel well-served by their Cooperative.

**Christopher Carbone**  
37 Court Ridge

I am seeking election to the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board of Directors. I have been a member of GHI since July 2014. Of the places I've lived, Greenbelt, and GHI specifically, is special to me and I am running to help this community thrive and modernize. I have always loved living in Greenbelt, and my experience over the past year of COVID restrictions and lockdowns has only solidified my appreciation for our community.

Proessionally, I am a public affairs specialist in the federal government (Internal Revenue Service). Prior to that, I was an economist and worked on various economic indicators, including the monthly jobs report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. I have extensive communications and customer service experience. I served on the GHI audit committee for the COVID-shortened 2020-2021 term. I also currently serve on the condo board for my second home in Pompano Beach, Florida, where I'm head of the architectural review committee (ARC).

GHI is a special place and I see this moment as a changing of the guard for GHI. I hope to bring a fresh set of eyes to GHI's opportunities and challenges and look forward to working with current and new board members to maintain and modernize our community so it's a comfortable and attractive place to live for current and prospective members.

# Candidates for GHI Election

The following GHI members have formally indicated their agreement to serve if elected, and provided these biographical sketches to the Nominations & Elections Committee. GHI Members will elect Nominations & Elections Committee members during the annual meeting. The separate election for Board of Directors and Audit Committee will be held by ballots cast online and in-person, described in the graphic above. Board members are elected to staggered 2-year terms. There are 5 open Board positions this year; the other 4 will be elected next year.

**Chuck Hess**  
42 Court Ridge

Chuck Hess is a CPA with a Master's degree in Taxation, serving GHI on the Board for twenty-eight years, sixteen of which has been as Treasurer. He also has served on the Audit Committee, and currently serves on the Finance, Investment, Building and many other GHI Committees and Task Forces. He believes his major accomplishments are Assuring that GHI cannot dissolve unless more than a Thousand members agree, and establishing the Replacement Reserves.

When Chuck moved into GHI in 1983 GHI had just completed the Rehab program (the first HIP). GHI had to borrow Millions of Dollars and was paying double digit interest. It took GHI over fifteen years and Millions of Dollars to pay off these loans. Soon after he moved to GHI he was recruited to volunteer his time to GHI. One on the first things he accomplished was to have the Replacement Reserves established. These reserves have enabled GHI to finish HIP (a program that cost GHI more than \$21,000,000) without borrowing ANY money.

He is proud of GHI as one of the best Co-ops in the world. He believes that his experience and knowledge will benefit GHI in maintaining its high standards for providing a well-run, efficient, and sustainable home for its members, and looks forward to making it even better in the future.

He also has served on the Board of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union for several years and is very active with his Church's youth program at the regional level.

**William C. Jones**  
15 Court Ridge

Before retiring to GHI with his wife in 2004, Bill Jones taught as Professor of Math and Computer Science in Connecticut for over thirty years. At GHI, he first got involved serving on the Finance and Investment Committees. He enjoyed that so much that he ran for the GHI Board of Directors, where he has had the pleasure of serving his neighbors since 2011.

Bill is one of the two bean-counters on the Board. He works hard at making sure that monthly coop fees remain affordable. He was instrumental in starting the Fee Deferral Program at GHI, to help members in need pay monthly coop fees. This program is now being used for those financially impacted by COVID-19.

On the Long-Range Planning Committee, Bill collected and analyzed information on the income ranges for people who have bought homes recently, to help us understand their needs. On the Transition Task Force (for succession planning of key GHI staff), he did cost/benefit analysis of new revenue streams, with the goal of reducing coop fees. Moreover, GHI's Board adopted his proposal for reducing the Replacement Reserves part of the coop fee.

Bill is Chair of the Board at the Greenbelt Coop Grocery and Pharmacy. He also chairs the Membership Committee for New Deal Cafe. Beyond Greenbelt, he has volunteered at Bread For The City (D.C.), at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance for people with low incomes, at CASA for foster children, and at Meals On Wheels.



# Candidates for GHI Election

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## Board of Directors

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### Denna Lambert

1 Court Westway

Denna Lambert has been a Greenbelt resident for almost 20 years first living in University Square before moving into GHI in 2010. Since 2004, she has been actively involved in various organizations in the community from serving as a Coleader for a Greenbelt Daisy Girl Scout Troop to supporting the Greenbelt Maker Space FIRST Robotics Team for two years. Currently, Denna supports the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES), Greenbelt Mamas & Papas, and serve as a board member of the Center for Dynamic Community Governance. Recently, she served as a volunteer reviewer for the City’s Small Business Grant Initiative where she utilized her skills in auditing, business strategy, and public budgeting to ensure the effective use of the CARES Act funds. Within GHI, she served as one of the resident advisors for the reasonable accommodation task force and frequently plans activities for her courts prior to COVID. Her hope is to encourage an accessible, sustainable, and welcoming environment within GHI for individuals and families who are drawn to a cooperative and collaborative approach to community living

She is a Program Manager with NASA Goddard and previously provided overall leadership in disability law, special education policy, STEM recruitment, and federal program compliance. Her professional interests also include mediation, collaborative partnerships, community outreach, mediation, and social policy. She is a graduate of the George Washington University where she earned a Master of Public Administration. She has a 2-year-old son named Kaleb and a 9-year-old Labrador named Angie.

### Jason Luly

19 Court Ridge

We moved to Greenbelt in December 2016—by “we” I mean me and my wife Aviva Glaser. We were specifically looking to move to a place that felt special and was likely to have community. Those are ambiguous terms (try them out on a real estate agent). But—we found those exact things and we’ve been happy here since. Because we understand that community is made, we’ve both put energy into GHI. Since this is my bio and there’s a word count limit, I’ll keep it to my contributions (find Aviva on Facebook!).

(1) I’ve been on the Long Range Planning Committee since 2019 and we’ve developed a great long range plan we will deliver in the next couple months.

(2) I worked with Cynthia Newcomer and others to develop a way for our community to act cooperatively and share the burden of membership fees for those members who were hit hard financially by Covid-19. A lot of the work for this was in the background – we came up with a way to collect the funds,

transfer the funds, and allocate the funds fairly while being both transparent to donors and preserving confidentiality of beneficiaries (only GHI financial staff knows the identity of the beneficiaries).

(3) I recently volunteered for the vacated board seat because if I want to be on the board... might as well get to it (and run for board as an incumbent!)

### Heather Mortimer

4 Court Laurel Hill

Although Heather only moved to GHI two years ago, she has quickly become an active member of the community. She has completed small design projects for the GHI Woodlands Committee, volunteers with the adoptable cats at the Greenbelt Petsmart, and started the Greenbelt Little Seed Library. As a first-time homeowner, she became a familiar face on Laurel Hill Rd. as she tamed the unruly yard of her one-bedroom end unit. She values GHI for the stability of a regular monthly payment as opposed to the unexpected expenses of homeownership, and the opportunity for self expression that are not available in a rental. In other words, GHI combines the best of both worlds. Heather works in communications at Goddard Space Flight Center, and has over 7 years of experience in education, writing, design, and accessibility. She graduated magna cum laude from UMBC in 2018 with an Interdisciplinary Studies degree in Science Communications. In her time at UMBC, she was a NOAA Hollings Scholar, National Academy of Engineering Grand Challenges Scholar, and member of the Honors College. She also served on the Interdisciplinary Studies Committee, which approves student-developed degree plans. She hopes that her experiences as a new member will provide a valuable perspective on topics relevant to other new members, such as permitting, home improvements, and online access to information. She believes in increasing efficiency in order to keep fees low rather than cutting services to members.

## Audit Committee

### 1-Year Term

(All 3 positions up for election)

### David Benack

2 Court Southway

My family moved to GHI from Silver Spring in summer 2019. We are so grateful for the neighborly community we have found here in Greenbelt, and we look forward to being here for a long time. I would like to serve on the Audit Committee as a way to become more involved in supporting our community, and I am asking for your vote! I am currently a stay-at-home parent, with all the joys and challenges that entails. I am also a member of Greenbelt’s Ethics Commission. My most recent paid occupation was as a Program Manager for an educational nonprofit that provides professional and cultural exchange programs to

international visitors. My degree was in environmental sciences. I am confident that I can fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a member of the Audit Committee, should you choose to elect me. Thank you for your consideration!

### Sam Lee

8 Court Plateau

I’ve lived in Greenbelt for fourteen years and my wife and I have been a residents of GHI for six years. I work as an actuary specializing in group health insurance. I’m currently a member of the audit committee, but our term was limited to six months as a result of the pandemic delaying last year’s election. I’d appreciate the opportunity to serve another full term.

### Dale Wilding

7 Court Ridge

I have lived in GHI for almost 12 years. In both of my GHI units I have completed extensive renovations, including adding a first-floor full bathroom to both units. I am a retired Software Developer, and I am extremely comfortable with technology. In 2011–2012, I was on the initial board of Greenbelt Community Solar. More recently, since my retirement, I am a driver for Meals on Wheels, I help at the Help by Phone food pantry, I help distribute food for GAIL/Gives once a month, I help distribute food at the College Park Food Bank, I help package food at Food & Friends, and my husband and I are ambassadors for the DC Diaper Bank. I am also a member of the Greenbelt Lions. I would now like to focus my energy on GHI as an additional way to help the Greenbelt community stay strong.

## Nominations & Elections Committee

### 1-Year Term

(All 5 positions up for election)

### Dan Gillotte

10 Court Hillside

Dan Gillotte is a long time co-operator having first become a member of a food co-op in Maine in 1992. Dan has been the manager of food co-ops since 1998 and moved here (and became a member of GHI) spring 2020. Dan has served on numerous boards over the years including:

- National Co-op Grocers (as board chair for 3 years)
- Co-op Grocers Information Network (as president for 4 years)
- AHB Community School (as chair for one year)
- Austin Independent Business Alliance (for more than a decade as a founding member)

Dan has worked for boards for his whole adult life and understands the importance of board perpetuation for successful organizations. He loves living in this cooperative community of GHI and Greenbelt and is happy to serve if elected on the small but mighty nominations committee.

### Theresa R. Henderson

1 Court Laurel Hill

Theresa was born and raised in the Washington, D.C. area. She has lived in GHI since 1983. She currently enjoys living on Laurel Hill Rd. with her husband Steve, their daughter Maddy, their three cats, a bird, and some fish. She is currently employed as a biochemist at the USDA Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center—which will be recruiting volunteers for feeding studies soon! She is a planning member of the Greenbelt Tennis Association and is a member of Greenbelt Community Church and the Hemophilia Association of the Capital Area. She is presently serving on the Nominations and Elections Committee for her eighth term and enjoys working with the other committee members and staff to make the election process a success.

### Tom Jones

1 Court Woodland

Tom has served on N&E for 7 years, including the past 6 years as chair. Tom grew up on Northway and has been a GHI member since 1997. He has a Bachelor’s degree in Physics and an MBA, and works as a Technical Program Manager at the University of Maryland Center for Advanced Transportation Technology Laboratory (CATT Lab) within the Civil Engineering department.

In 2010, Tom chaired the GHI Finance Report Subcommittee that drafted revisions to make each year’s report easier to understand. In 2011, he chaired the GHI website redesign committee resulting in the current ghi.coop site, and he also served on the GHI Information Technology task force.

For other Greenbelt co-ops, Tom has served on the News Review Board of Directors since 2014. In prior years, he served on the New Deal Café Audit Committee for 5 years and the Rapidan Camps Board of Directors for 22 years, including 15 years as president.

### Joe Ralbovsky

62 Court Ridge

Joe moved to GHI in 2015 and loves living here.

He’s served on the Buildings Committee, the Sustainability Subcommittee, and the Yards and Exteriors Task Force.

### Luisa Robles

32 Court Ridge

I have lived in GHI since the spring of 2001 (20 years!).

I bumped into GHI while pursuing my PhD at UMD. I came to see a movie at the theater and fell in love with the Roosevelt Center, and the layout and walkability of GHI. I knew several people that studied at UMD and lived in Old Greenbelt. My degree was in environmental sciences and sustainable development and I am now the Sustainability Coordinator for the City. I have served on the Board of Directors and the Woodlands Committee for GHI, and on the Forest Preserve Advisory Board for the City.



# City Green Teams Provide Info on Electric Vehicles

by Matthew Arbach

Electric vehicles now come in a wide variety of makes and models and offer considerable savings over time, as they require little maintenance and offer low energy costs. A plethora of information was presented on the subject on April 25 by Greenbelt Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles, and John Lippert, chair of GreenACES and the Greenbelt Green Team. This was the latest monthly Zoom Environmental Series sponsored by the Green Teams of the Greenbelt Community Church, UCC and the City of Greenbelt. Information on the city charging stations and the cost and range of each of the various charging methods is given in a separate article (see page 1).

There are two types of plug-in electric vehicles: the plug-in hybrid electric (PHEV) and the full battery electric (EV). In Prince George’s County there are 2,621 plug-in EVs, and in the state, there are 31,161.

Regarding global passenger EV sales, there were 1.7 million in 2020, with projected sales for 2025 at 8.5 million, for 2030 at 26 million, and 2040 at 54 million. The projected increase is a

result of the continuing drop in vehicle prices and the cost of batteries. Other factors are government pressure on the car industry to move toward electrification and the market shift to EVs, as they are seen as the future of transportation.

Some benefits of EVs are immediate acceleration, no tailpipe emissions and the emphasis on US-generated electricity instead of imported oil. A Consumer Reports analysis found that while a normal gasoline 24 mpg SUV costs 18 cents/mile to operate, an equivalent EV costs 8 cents/mile. Savings for an EV owner can range from \$6,000 to \$10,000 over the life of a vehicle. EV batteries can also be used to power homes, as was seen in last winter’s energy blackout in Texas.

The IRS offers a tax credit of \$2,500 to \$7,500 per new EV purchased for use in the U.S. It applies to the first 200,000 sold by a manufacturer. Already Tesla and GM have reached that number, but for other brands, the opportunity remains.

Lippert recommended that a prospective buyer should pur-

chase a vehicle that meets their normal daily needs and use a rental for less frequent purposes. Available now are sports cars, SUVs, crossovers, luxury sedans and pick-up trucks.

Various myths have been purported about EVs and shown to be false. With the rise in ranges after charging and numbers of charging stations, “range anxiety is a thing of the past,” said Lippert. In reality, gasoline cars catch fire five times more frequently than EVs. And the fear of expensive batteries that require replacing is unfounded with the current long traction battery warranties.

To find more information on EVs in general, there are several online resources: Ask An EV Owner Zoom meeting the first Wednesday of the month (<https://evadc.wildapricot.org/Ask>), the Electric Vehicle Association of Greater Washington DC (EVADC.org) and PlugStar.com.



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equipped with the Tesla plug and as yet, there are no public Tesla stations in Greenbelt.

The Level Two stations charge \$0.18 per kilowatt-hour. Payment through Pepco can be done through a free GREENLOTS app with the procedure available at the station.

The Level Three accepts credit cards and charges \$2 to start and then \$0.17 per minute, with a

30-minute maximum charging session. The city is currently looking into revising this rate.

Lippert stated that outside of Greenbelt, charging fees are normally done through belonging to an EV Charging Network, using a card that links to a bank account or credit card. Some EV chargers also accept credit cards. He added, “Some of us from GreenACES, the Green Team,

the Advisory Planning Board and Greenbelt residents have formed an EV Infrastructure Planning Group to develop recommendations for the city council to improve and expand EV charging in Greenbelt.”

According to Robles, the locations for the stations were chosen because they offered “enough parking spots, closeness to major roads and access to electricity.” Future stations will likely be built around Roosevelt Center and at Buddy Attick Park.

This project was a joint effort of the Public Works and Planning Departments, as well as the city administration.

Charging stations and networks have become an ubiquitous presence worldwide as there are more than 7 million EVs on the road today. Smart phones now have apps that can direct drivers to charging locations within their vicinity.

# Sierra Club Announces Opposition to Maglev

The Sierra Club announced its opposition to the Baltimore-Washington Maglev Project and will be endorsing the no-build option in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), citing that any possible benefits are far outweighed by the fundamental inequity of the project, its irreversible adverse impacts on protected public lands and its negative impacts on local transportation services that already serve the corridor.

The Sierra Club supports high speed rail along the Northeast Corridor but opposes the maglev project for these reasons:

- Inequities of the project. Those who would bear the burden of the impacts from construction and operation of this project would receive none of the benefits, since there are no stops along the route between Washington and Baltimore, other than at BWI airport. According to the DEIS, the communities that the train would cut across are nearly 70 percent communities of color and approximately 13 percent low income. Approximately 80 percent of the land parcels that would be impacted are located within Environmental Justice communities. Moreover, the cost of the ticket on the maglev train – an estimated \$60 on average – would be greater than that on the MARC train (\$8) or Amtrak (\$46), making it an option only for the wealthy and out of reach for most people.
- Endangering investments

of public transit that already serve the corridor. Investment in this project by a private company would imperil much-needed repairs and upgrades for local public transit, the MARC and Amtrak trains that currently serve the corridor. While the Sierra Club supports intercity rapid rail as an alternative to automobile travel, there is not clear evidence that this segment would have a meaningful impact on car travel between Baltimore and Washington. According to the DEIS, approximately 32 percent of annual MARC ridership on the Penn and Camden Lines would divert to the maglev once it is operational.

- Major environmental impacts. The scale of the environmental impacts on state and federal protected areas are significant, especially the Patuxent Research Refuge and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, as well as National Park Service land along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. According to the DEIS, the project would increase net transportation energy consumption by approximately 3 trillion Btus, equivalent to the energy to power around 88,900 average homes for one year. The anticipated decrease in energy expenditure from the diversion of auto, bus and rail traffic to the maglev is not expected to offset the increase in energy consumption.

Based on these concerns, the Sierra Club opposes the project as currently planned and endorses the no-build option.



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Electric Vehicle chargers located at Schrom Hills Park are now operational. The ones located at Springhill Lake Recreation Center will also be available soon.

### Some Simple Steps To Stop the Maglev

Are you wanting to take steps against the maglev but don’t know what to do and don’t have much time? Join Simple Steps to Stop the Maglev. Simple Steps, which can be accomplished in 10 minutes or less (most of the time), are sent three to five days per week and it is optional to follow them. Anyone wanting to join can contact Susan at [suzanbwild@gmail.com](mailto:suzanbwild@gmail.com).

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from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system." The corresponding bill in the House of Delegates, HB63, was proposed by Williams.

Pinsky spoke against the maglev project, stating, "It's not for regular people: it'll make life easier for the one percent. How does it make life easier in Prince George's County? Not at all." Pinsky denied that the project would create jobs. Wayne Rogers, one of the leaders of Northeast Maglev, has claimed that the project would not require any state funding, so Pinsky's proposed legislation would deny any state money from flowing toward the project. Although the legislation did not pass, Pinsky continued to urge the public to "keep the pressure on. It's simply wrong. It does not serve the public."

Williams urged the crowd to reach out to U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer, Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen, as well as U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, to support the no-build option. Williams stated, "We know that mass transit helps, but this project is not mass transit." Compared to an \$8 MARC ticket or a \$32 Amtrak ticket, "the \$80 maglev ticket caters to the rich." Whereas mass transit protects the environment, Williams asserted, the maglev project would harm the Patuxent Research Refuge, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) and Greenbelt Forest Preserve, natural areas traversed by the planned route.

Delegate Healey said, “We are up against powerful interests; we need to make sure that the people who are accountable to us remain accountable in regards to this train. It’s a boondoggle.”

“The Draft Environmental Impact Statement [DEIS] is full of very serious mistakes,” Byrd argued. Byrd noted that the DEIS was released on January 15, and that Northeast Maglev only called the threat to the Spellman Overpass a “mistake” on April 30, after 105 days had passed. “One day later we hold this rally,” Byrd said. “What is the credibility of individuals who would sit on information like that, not saying anything” until the rally was announced on social media. Byrd argued, “If you care about the Patuxent refuge, this project is bad news. If you care about space this project is bad news” (because it threatens the local observatory in Northway Field). He went on to list impacts to BARC, the Forest Preserve, ballfields and recreation and Greenbelt as a historic location. “This project will be an eyesore,” Byrd argued. “Loud, and its vibrations

would impact frame structures like the ones in Old Greenbelt and throughout the city, including Greenbriar and other neighborhoods. Eleanor Roosevelt High School, the crown jewel of public education in the county, would be impacted.”

Pope noted that “our voices are heard by someone that’s paying attention, so we need to continue this momentum. We need to push and make sure we stop this project. Together we are strong, we can make noise. We have the support of so many delegates and state officials. The no-build option is our best option.”

The Spellman Overpass is a vital connection between the east and west parts of the city. The overpass allows Eleanor Roosevelt High School students to walk safely to their destination. Jordan, Davis and Williams all reside in the Greenbriar community in Greenbelt East, relying on the Spellman Overpass to travel to Old Greenbelt. Both Jordan and Davis spoke passionately against the proposed maglev train. Davis in particular argued that it would be barely 14 feet underground as it passed under her building. Noise and vibrations from the train would undermine buildings and lower property values, she argued.

The overpass is named for Gladys Noon Spellman, who attended high school and college in Washington, D.C., and became a Prince George's County school teacher. She became active in county politics and was elected to the U.S. Congress representing Maryland's 5th District.

Rally organizer Fletcher called the maglev a “billion-dollar boondoggle” which “will cost a billion dollars a minute for that 15 minutes from Washington to BWI.” Fletcher led the crowd in multisyllabic chants such as “cutting greenhouse gas emissions with maglev is science fiction.”

Environmental activists including Paul Downs and Susan Barnett attended the rally, because the proposed path of the maglev would destroy at least a quarter of the Forest Preserve, an important tract of land protected by Greenbelt and vital to the city's identity. Activists have fought for the Forest Preserve for decades. If maglev goes through, Davis argued, "there won't be the Greenbelt that we know." Barnett stated, "They said they can't afford this project if they can't go through Patuxent, BARC and the wetlands; the cost savings for this project is going to be on the back of our environmental treasures."

Citizen comments on the DEIS are open until Monday, May 24 at [bwmaglev.info/index.php/project-documents/deis](http://bwmaglev.info/index.php/project-documents/deis).



**Participants in the rally to stop the maglev march toward the Spellman Overpass on Saturday, May 1.**



**Senator Paul Pinsky addresses the crowd at the rally.**



Rally participants stand on the Spellman Overpass with signs, which elicit honking from the cars passing below.



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## City Suggests Five Ways To Aid Local Small Businesses

Check out these five things that Greenbelters can do to support small businesses during Small Business Appreciation Week and beyond:

- Dine at a Greenbelt restaurant.
- Shop at the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy or Greenbelt Farmers Market (Opening Sunday, May 9).
- Explore small businesses at Beltway Plaza, Greenway Center and Roosevelt Center.

- Enjoy a “self-care” day at a local hair salon, barbershop, nail salon, massage or wellness center.
- Hire a local professional service business (i.e. accountant, realtor, etc.) located at one of the professional office buildings located throughout Greenbelt.
- BONUS: Schedule your annual check-ups and exams at one of Greenbelt’s local medical and healthcare practices!

Check out the Greenbelt Dining & Shopping Guide!

## From the Co-op: Treat Mom Right on her Day

by Jill Stevenson and Dan Gillotte



Pancake breakfast on Mother’s Day

Moms deserve love and attention and even a break from cooking. Here are some ideas to make sure that you’re your mom’s favorite this Mother’s Day.

Plants and Flowers – Beautiful flowers in hanging baskets and in bouquets and sweet plants in decorative pots grown by local farmers.

Greeting Cards – Always a nice touch, but mail them soon, or better yet, hand-delivered cards made by local artists.

Breakfast or Brunch in Bed – If you are a kid (or a partner to a mom with kids), how about a special surprise of being served a thoughtful meal in bed? Littler kids can totally handle making toast and jam and a glass of juice. Older kids can make toaster waffles, avocado toast, Pillsbury cinnamon rolls or biscuits and teens can totally rock pancakes or French toast. Moms would love breakfast in bed or brunch if you haven’t done it before.

Wine and Champagne – How about a MOMmosa? Prosecco or champagne and some orange juice makes a nice light drink for mom. Or seltzer or Sprite/7Up with OJ makes a fun bubbly non-

alcoholic treat.

Chocolate – You can’t really go wrong with chocolate. Show mom you care about her and the people who grow the chocolate by seeking out Fair Trade chocolate from such producers as Equal Exchange or Alter Eco. They both have delicious high-quality chocolate that also honors the people who make it.

Co-op has all the things you need for a lovely Mother’s Day and is also featuring a special dinner for mom – penne pasta Alfredo with kale and chicken. It is a pre-order-only meal for pickup between 4 to 6:30 p.m. Call the deli at 301-474-0522 by 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 9.

## GCAN May Meeting Tackles Multiple Federal Level Issues

The May meeting of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, May 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. The Zoom link is available at [chears.org/gcan](https://chears.org/gcan).

Now that the Maryland General Assembly has recessed until January 2022, GCAN is turning its attention to various national level campaigns. The inboxes are flooded every day with emails vying for attention and asking for support. Some of these are proposed legislation, while others are efforts “on the ground.”

The May meeting will consider some of the following campaigns to decide where to focus GCAN efforts:

- American Jobs Plan/Biden’s Climate Plan, which proposes a 50 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2035
- Clean Energy Standard: A proposed amendment to the jobs plan that would increase the emissions reductions goal to 80 percent by 2030 and 100 percent by 2035

- THRIVE Agenda/Green New Deal Network
  - Red, Black, & Green New Deal Network (Movement for Black Lives)
  - Protect the Right to Organize (PRO) Act
  - Build Back Fossil Free
  - Enbridge Line 3 and Dakota Access Pipelines
  - National Ban on Fracking
  - Break Free from Plastic Pollution
  - Drop Incineration from the Clean Future Act
- During the latter part of the meeting, Greenbelter Owen Kelley will describe the impact that maglev operations would have on annual greenhouse gas emissions. The meeting will close with an overview of upcoming events (see [chears.org/gcan/monthly-meetings/upcoming-events/](https://chears.org/gcan/monthly-meetings/upcoming-events/)).
- For more information, or to suggest events that should be added to the calendar, contact Lore Rosenthal, Simplicity-GroupsMD@gmail.com, 301-345-2234 (landline, no text).

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21 this year, the site received 88,641 views.

Park rangers have been very active in their role as “ambassadors,” said Varda, monitoring the city parks and educating the public and adding their support to other departments when needed. They have been helping to deal with the difficult-to-enforce problem of the use of fields by nonresident, unpermitted groups. Rangers have found good compliance with mask wearing at city parks. Mask wearing in public places continues to be the city mandate despite the recent lifting of the outdoor restriction by the governor, something councilmembers felt to be confusing. More rangers are likely to be added soon.

The virtual Mom’s Morning Out Program has grown to include one participant from Africa and one from Mexico.

Greenbelt Recreation assisted Public Works in Greenbelt’s successful pursuit of the 2020 Maryland Sustainability Champion award.

Recreation staff have adopted a staggered office schedule in keeping with Covid-19 social distancing. Though there were cases amongst program participants, no staff were infected, largely due to safety protocols.

Varda stressed the need to compensate and retain necessary non-classified staff, recommending creating a third-tier classification, as some employees provide skills requiring specific

certifications. This sentiment was echoed by Jake Chestnut, chair of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Varda said that the department is taking a detailed look at its organizational structure to make it as efficient as possible. Some key vacancies remain open, such as assistant director of recreation facilities and operations, Community Center coordinator, recreation program supervisor and office administrator.

The Aquatic & Fitness Center continues to operate on an appointment-only basis, with an hour cleaning after each session. Varda was keen to move slowly, in order “to not have to retract.” Members have been offered refunds on unused time with the option of transferring the money to other recreation programs, with passes extended several times. Parks said that 90 percent of daily appointments are filled.

Varda has made a priority of hiring new lifeguards, pointing out the shortage statewide. Said Parks, four candidates are in the process of being hired with more being sought.

The idea of changing park closing hours from 11 p.m. to dusk was debated, in conjunction with the idea of adding more lighting at night for safety. Councilmember Rodney Roberts advised no changes as it impinged on the natural evening experience.

Bringing food trucks to the city was discussed, with most

### City Notes

Planning and Community Development permitted the Old Greenbelt Theatre expansion project and met with CARES about violence prevention. Arts, Planning and Greenbelt Museum collaborated in designing signage for the Mother and Child statue. A vintage typewriter, donated to the Museum, will benefit children’s programming.

Public Works assisted the FEMA vaccination effort, collecting six large bags of recyclable material. Horticulture/Parks planted many trees, including a memorial tree replacement. Refuse/Recycling collected 29.98 tons of refuse and 11.57 tons of recyclables. Sustainability/Environmental met with Maglev Task Force, Pollinator Circle, Zero Waste Circle and the Dora Kennedy Green Club. Building Maintenance installed transformers for a kiln in the Community Center.

At Greenbelt Middle School, Recreation staff promoted two new programs: SMART Girls and Passport to Manhood. The Community Center collected Bike to Work Day swag from sponsors. Arts presented a fully booked Artful Afternoon featuring sculptural seed bombs. Park rangers responded to increased park use.

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# Police Blotter

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**Home Invasion**  
April 24, 4:15 p.m., 440 Ridge Road. A man walked into the home of another person as that person's roommate was walking in. The intruder robbed the resident at knifepoint and then fled on foot. Investigation revealed that this was not a random incident and the investigation is ongoing.

**Theft**  
April 23, 4:32 p.m., 7800 block Lakecrest Drive. A black Mongoose bicycle was removed from an unsecured storage unit.  
April 23, 8:19 p.m., 165 Westway. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

**Fraud**  
April 23, 7:44 p.m., 15 Woodland Way. A woman placed several letters containing checks in a mailbox in front of the Post Office in the 7600 block Ora Glen Drive on April 8. Unknown person(s) gained possession of them, altered the amounts and cashed them.

April 28, 12:41 p.m., 115 Centerway. An unknown person(s) gained possession of a check deposited in the mailbox at 113 Centerway on March 18 and attempted to cash it.

**Trespassing**  
April 23, 3:25 p.m., 147 Westway. A 48-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespassing and possession of phenylcyclidine when officers responded to a report of a man who walked into a residence without permission. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

**Burglary**  
April 21, 7:04 p.m., 5831 Cherrywood Terrace. A woman heard someone banging on her front door and then saw the door was open and the lock assembly was damaged.

**Vehicle Crime**  
Four tires and rims were taken from one vehicle at 9318 Edmonston Road. A window was broken out at 9014 Edmonston Court.  
Windows were broken at three locations to gain access to items inside. An in-dash radio was taken from the 6100 block Greenbelt Road, a handicap placard from 9012 Breezewood Terrace, and a purse from the 6000 block Greenbelt Road.  
A red Honda XR650LM motorcycle with Virginia tags

29091A was taken from 7509 Mandan Road on April 22.  
A silver 2017 Acura Legend with Maryland tags 4EG1448 was taken from 9220 Springhill Lane after being left unlocked with the key inside the ignition.  
Multiple stolen vehicles were recovered. Three of those were found on Raynolds Street, S.E., a 2005 Toyota Prius, a 2016 Toyota Tacoma pickup truck and a 2009 Chrysler Town and Country van. The tags from the Chrysler, Texas 90525X8, were not recovered.  
A 2017 Toyota Sienna van reported stolen by Metropolitan Police was recovered at 9106 Edmonston Court.  
A 2018 Honda CRV reported stolen from 9102 Springhill Lane was recovered the same day by Stafford County (Virginia) Police at an undisclosed location.  
A 2016 Toyota Camry stolen April 25 was recovered the same day in the 4500 block Quarles Street N.E.  
A 2017 Dodge stolen April 14 from 5913 Cherrywood Terrace was recovered April 24 in the 2600 block Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, S.E. Four firearms in the trunk of the vehicle at the time of theft were also recovered.  
A 2015 Kia Sedona stolen from 9104 Edmonston Court was recovered by Prince George's County Police in the 5600 block Sheriff Road in Capitol Heights. The tags on the vehicle at the time of theft, Maryland tags 7AG5032, were not recovered.  
A 2015 BMW X5 reported stolen to the Prince George's County Police Department was recovered at 22 Parkway.  
A 2017 Acura Legend was taken from 9220 Springhill Lane while unlocked with the key inside.

**Homicide**  
On Tuesday, May 4, at approximately 7:33 p.m., officers responded to the report of a shooting in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane. Officers located a man suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Despite life-saving efforts by officers and fire department personnel, he was pronounced dead on the scene. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS.  
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## Outside in Greenbelt



Ukulele teacher and Artist-in-Residence Rachel Cross and her students put on a show with their ukuleles on the lawn of the Community Center on Sunday, May 2.

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On May 2, Girl Scout Troop 23007 gathers on Ridge Road to bring sidewalk art, uplifting messages and inspirational quotes to the Greenbelt community. Knowing that it has been a difficult year, the girls decided in February to gather in the spring to provide bright, fun artwork to lift spirits and encourage everyone to stay strong.

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Angella Foster teaches her early dance class outside on Saturday, May 1.

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# Sports

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know, they just find other ways to encourage each other in a spread-out way," Hebert said.

As a coach, Hebert has been trying to keep the game the same for the players.

Laura Shepherd has a child on a coach/machine pitch team and says that her 7-year-old struggles with the mask but is motivated because of the love of the game.

"I think he's just driven by his passion for baseball to deal with all the other restrictions but of course he'd love to be a little bit more normal with being able to share equipment and things," Shepherd said.

Hebert said that registration was slower this spring. He thinks that people are hesitant because it's the first time parents are taking their children out in a year.

"I think people have less going on than they did, but kids, parents and families are in general excited to have a destination at the end of the day," said Hebert.

Shepherd said that she was excited to have baseball to help her son socialize more than in the past year.

"It's provided some social context, and shared experience for the kids where they can work together as a team," Shepherd said. "It's provided all the things that they've been missing out on this past year and it's just given them a way to grow together and grow in their social skills and they're learning a lot about baseball too. I don't think Covid has interfered with what being on a baseball team does."

Melinda Thompson is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.



Little League starts with machine pitch games for the young members.

- Photos by Melinda Thompson



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A swallowtail butterfly lands on a lilac bush on Woodland Way.

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A small group of cicadas appeared in Greenbelt in May, 2017. This one was seen climbing a wooden shed on Gardenway. By all accounts, Brood X in 2021 will be a much larger group.

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# Kyla’s Three-Four Lake Walk

by Kyla Hanington

My friend Amy Hansen told me there had been a three-lake walk around Greenbelt years ago, and that it featured the lake at Springhill Lake. I am embarrassed to say that although I have lived here for a total of eight years, albeit in two different chunks, I neither knew there was a lake at Springhill Lake nor, worse yet, had the slightest bit of curiosity where Springhill Lake got its name if not from an actual lake.

So, late Saturday night, when Dan said, “Wanna go for a walk tomorrow? Maybe we could go to Patuxent,” I had just the plan in mind. He sounded like he wasn’t awake which made it the perfect time for me to tell him all about it.

“Apparently there’s a three-lake walk,” I said.

“Okay,” said Dan. At least, I think he said okay. If he’d been awake he’d have said okay, which I explained to him when I woke him at six-thirty Sunday morning to embark on this new adventure with me.

After talking to Amy I did some research in the News Review archives and found that as part of Greenbelt’s 75th anniversary, Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Greenbelt Volksmarchers organized a Three Lake Walk on April 21, 2012. (The HUG walk, which began in 2019, appears to have had similar ambitions, involving Springhill Lake, Greenbelt Lake and Schrom Hills.) The Three Lake Walk started at Schrom Hills Park and ended at Springhill Lake Recreation Center with water stops along the way and a shuttle bus to take walkers back after they finished to where they had started. I figured Dan and I could pretty much re-create that, except without the water or the shuttlebus. What could possibly go wrong?

## Lake Number One

To start with, we decided to find the lake at Springhill Lake, now Franklin Park apartment complex. It was quite easy to find, actually, and I strongly suggest you take a stroll over there and check it out if you aren’t already familiar with it. It’s a small retaining pond behind the Franklin Park apartments leasing office, surrounded by a white fence and, when we were there, replete with ducks and a solitary Canada goose. From there, it was just a quick stroll to Cherrywood Lane and up the road to Ivy Lane.

I had expected the walk from Springhill Lake Recreation Center, where we parked, to Buddy Attick Park to be long and brutal but it frankly isn’t that bad. We cut down the walking/biking path at the end of Ivy Lane just before it meets Kenilworth, crossed at the light and then cut into Buddy Attick Park at the first crosswalk.

## Lake Number Two

We went clockwise around Greenbelt Lake from the playground and, once we crossed the bridge at the forebay, headed over toward Roosevelt Center by taking the path between the tennis courts and Braden Field. We had only walked 1.75 miles at this point and my optimism was clearly still well intact, because it was about here that I started planning how I would do the virtual half-marathon I signed up for on June 16. I mean, I’d already



Kyla Hanington and Dan Hamlin walk the lakes of Greenbelt.



Springhill Lake

successfully walked nearly two miles, walking 13.1 obviously would be no problem at all, I explained. But I did ask Dan to meet me with water. At this point in our walk, we were both beginning to regret not having brought any.

Dan and I headed up Gardenway to my favorite shortcut in all the land, Spellman Overpass, and then turned right down Hanover Parkway.

## Lake Number Three

I am not sure if this is considered one of Greenbelt’s lakes, but if we are counting Springhill Lake – and we should – we definitely should count this body of water at the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive. I have been by it a few times and it suffers from an overload of garbage, but it is a lovely sweet spot with a variety of birds and, thanks to LaWann Stribling organizing a litter pick-up there recently, it is not as bad as it once was. I like to hope that the more people stroll by it, the more interesting it will be to all of us and the city collectively to keep it clean and lovely.

## Lake Number Four

Heading down Hanover to Schrom Hills Park is where my enthusiasm began to waver. The staircase leading up to the park is without a banister, and I am too arthritic and out of shape to get up a cement staircase without

use of one, so we decided to just keep walking until we got to the entrance of the park. And let me just tell you now – that was way farther than we thought it would be and by the time we found the driveway we were ready for the walk to be over.

But once we got into Schrom Hills, we took the freshly wood-chipped path down to the lake where we saw baby Canada geese disguised as tennis balls and mist rising off the water. We took a moment to savor it all – the end of our four-lake walk on a bright, early Sunday morning.

We had also walked four-and-a-half miles and had no way home. We reviewed our options. My choice was to collapse where we were and wait for bears to eat us but sometimes in marriage compromise is necessary and eventually, I agreed to just walk home.

For those keeping track, let me tell you that it was a further two miles for Dan and I to walk home from Schrom Hills Park, and my Fitbit wants you to know we walked a total of 6.58 miles in two hours and nine minutes. I spent the rest of the day lying on the couch in my pajamas and whining, so word to the wise:

You can definitely do the four-lake walk and I hope that you do. Just carry some water with you and arrange for a ride at the far end. Call me. I’ll come get you.

- Photos by Kyla Hanington



Schrom Hills Park



Ora Glen



Greenbelt Lake

PHOTO BY DAN HAMLIN



PHOTO BY MELISSA MACKAY

John Henry Jones sits with his son, Nathan Jones, at the Beltsville Garden Club plant sale on Saturday, May 1. The sale usually takes place at High Point High School, but this year they moved to the center of Greenbelt, to the site usually occupied by the Farmers Market.

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